

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention provides a heart positioning device, method and system for positioning, manipulating, holding, grasping, immobilizing and/or stabilizing a heart. The heart positioning device may include a suction head and a shaft with a means for remotely changing the position of the head from a first position axially aligned with the shaft to a second, unaligned position and a sleeve slideably positioned on the shaft and sized to receive the suction head in a compressed condition.